GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6101
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LINKING OF RIVERS
HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages and communities likely to be displaced on completion of river-linking project; and

(b) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to rehabilitate those people?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) As per the pre-feasibility studies of National Water Development Agency(NWDA), over 1000 villages arelikely to be submerged and about 4.80 lakh people are likely to be displaced on completion of inter water transfer link projects.

(b) A Task Force on interlinking of river under the Chairmanship of Shri Suresh P. Prabhu, Member of Parliament(LS)has been constituted on 13.12.2002 to inter alia provide guidance on norms of appraisal of individual projects in respect of economic viability, socio-economic impact, environmental impact and preparation of resettlement Plans.